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Excavation at LRT site will wait for archaeological expertise

Historical expert will oversee further work

Edmonton, January 8, 2008 – Respecting the potential that LRT construction could unearth further remains, the City of Edmonton will bring in an archaeologist to supervise excavation when it resumes later in the week.

"We are erring on the side of caution, so that should any further remains be discovered, they will be handled with dignity," said Wayne Mandryk, Manager of Transit Projects. "Regardless of the ancestry of these remains, the City is respectful of the history and meaning of this area. We will proceed cautiously to ensure that we treat any further discoveries appropriately."

An archaeological consultant will prepare a plan to continue with excavation around the site at 43 Avenue and 111 Street. A casket and remains of an unknown grave were discovered on Friday, January 4, 2008. The province is examining the remains to find out more information about the burial or the site.

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